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is passed, she, as well as others in the community, could very well be victims of stray bullets shot by careless individuals. My opinion is that so many people are fooled by the acts people put on to get something they want. How could we be absolutely positive that this would never happen? Why can't this bill be more for the people that have good reasons to carry a handgun, like those who need it to make night deposits for businesses, shooting game, or for collection purposes. This bill would allow people to legally carry a loaded gun for no reason at all. By allowing this to happen, we are opening up ourselves for disaster. I would really appreciate any response you could give me that would relieve my concerns and answer my questions. Another from a minister here in town. It says: What good reasons can there be for passing LB...and this happened to be 465, the concealed gun law? Two good reasons come to mind. One, it is a macho thing. Some people gain a sense of power from it. Two, it would please the NRA. They are as much for this as against making parents responsible to keep guns secured from children. They are not hunting advocates. Their main interest is in the sales and promotion of guns and we know they will reward their friends. We need more guns in the society like we need another hole in our heads. As a law-abiding, nonviolent citizen, I would feel less safe with this bill. I urge you, in the name of good sense and community concern, to vote against the NRA and the Wild West mentality. Turn down LB 465, the concealed gun bill. The next one says: I'm writing in opposition to any concealed handgun legislation that might come before the Legislature. I've lived in either Omaha or Lincoln all of my 44 years. I now live in the Highlands neighborhood with my wife and eight-year-old son. Living in Nebraska's highest crime cities, I have yet to feel frightened enough to arm my self. The NRA would be amazed at how easy it has been to protect my family without ever owning a gun. I've had many opportunities to take better and higher paying jobs in other states, but I've chosen to remain in Nebraska. I love this state, but that sentiment would change immediately if a concealed weapons bill were to pass. My son will not be raised in an environment that promotes its citizens to carry weapons, and this state can ill-afford families to exodus. I do not know your stand on the bill, but I am hopeful that you would see the damage that a concealed handgun could cause. Please help put a stop to this frightening piece of legislation. Thank you. And